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we do every year. Every year I've been down here, the Business and Labor Committee has had some claims, some large, some small. This is no different than any other year. I think that it is consistent with what we've done in the past. We have had input from the senators representing the constituents involved. I would just conclude my remarks by defending our committee's work. I think our committee, in fact, a couple of these we looked at them twice. We wanted to rethink what we did, and we came to the same conclusion. But I think that the committee dwelt upon it and I would ask my colleagues to support the actions of our Business and Labor Committee and the result of your colleagues that worked very hard on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Redfield,...

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...on the committee amendments to LB 882.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the body, I am a member of the Urban (sic) Affairs Committee and the committee statement is not correct. Senator Chambers and I did oppose the committee amendment, so our Chairman was correct that it was not a unanimous decision. And I want to explain to you why. And I know that there are those who say that Revenue Committee has hearts of stone and they don't care about people, but the truth is that we do care about people and we care about fairness. And, as a parent, I learned very, very young that if you only reward the child that whines you're going to teach all the good children who accepted "no" for an answer whine. And we have claims that were turned in to our state that were denied because they had not met our statute of And the good citizens of limitations. They were denied. Nebraska who were told "no" and did not appeal accepted that verdict and will not see their money. Therefore, for me, this is fairness issue, because the only claims we are seeing here that are being appealed, excepted and actually suggested for approval are those who came to us and said we don't accept the verdict of the state of Nebraska; we don't accept the rule on the statute of limitations. Do I have a heart? Yes. Would I like to play (sic) all of the claims? Yes, actually I would,